

# Our Weekly Announcements for August 8-9, 2026

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## Weekly Calendar Aug 8-16, 2026

### Saturday, 8/8

7:30-1p Rummage Sale  
5:30 Holy Communion

### Sunday, 8/9

7:45 Holy Communion  
9-10 Sunday School & Bible Study Classes  
10:15 Holy Communion  
11:30-2p Rummage Sale  
11:30-2:30 Youth Pizza, Plans & Pins  
7p Preschool Auction Committee Meeting

### Monday, 8/10

*Pastor Hayter's day off*  
9a-12 Rummage Sale clean-up

### Tuesday, 8/11

1-4 Quilters' Guild  
4p Board of Comm. Care  
4:30p Board of Evangelism  
6p Board of Stewardship  
6:30p Board of Christian Ed

### Wednesday, 8/12

10:00 Adult Bible Study at Cedarhurst

### Thursday, 8/13

2-7 Quilters' Guild

### Saturday, 8/15

5:30 Holy Communion

### Sunday, 8/16

#### Rally Day!

7:45a Holy Communion  
9-10a Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:15a Holy Communion & Rally Day!  
12-2p Rally Day Pool Party at Camp Wartburg

**SUNDAY TREATS:** Stop by the treat table located in the narthex! Thank you to all who have continued to provide treats on Sunday mornings. And thank you to all who make a donation! See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** Classes begin on August 17th and there are still a few openings available! Preschool questions? Feel free to contact Delana Whelan (618.443.8353).

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** We welcome Ruth Baker through Adult Confirmation during the 7:45 AM service this weekend. Ruth has been a regular visitor for several months so it is nice to finally officially welcome her to our Immanuel family! God's blessings, Ruth!

**COLLECTIONS:** Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the **Bi-County Backpack Program**. The Board of Community Care is supporting **Immanuel's Preschool** during August. Items needed during the school year include paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, Lysol wipes, classic Crayola markers, large Crayola crayons, 24 pk. Crayola crayons, gift cards to Amazon and Wal-Mart, dry erase markers, black or blue pens, glue sticks, Neosporin, hydrocortisone, AA & AAA batteries, floor puzzles, thermal laminating sheets, carpet cleaner, and quart & gallon Ziploc bags. Please place any donations in the box in the narthex.

**DRIVERS NEEDED:** We're looking for a few caring volunteers to help provide occasional transportation for fellow Immanuel members to church, to doctor's appointments or to the grocery store. If you're willing to lend a hand from time to time, we'd love to hear from you! Please call or text Susan Starbuck at 618.920.8511 for more information.

#### CONNECTING WITH EVERY HOUSEHOLD:

One of the greatest joys of pastoral ministry is building relationships and walking alongside God's people through every season of life. Throughout 2026, Pastor Hayter hopes to connect personally with every Immanuel household—including families, couples, and individuals. Visits can take place in your home over a meal, during a home visit, or by meeting together at church. To schedule a time that works best for you, scan the QR code or contact Lisa in the church office. It's gonna be great!



**ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?** Did you know that they give everyone Choice dollars to donate as well as 2 Action Teams every year? These can be used for church, Preschool or any local organization. Contact Lisa in the office for additional info or assistance.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Immanuel has a Bible class that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. There is room for more of our members to join us. Scripture encourages us to study His Word. This is a good time of the day for retired people to join a class. We are beginning to study the book of John, so again a great time to join. The class meets for 1 hour. We meet in a meeting room about 20 feet from the front door at Cedarhurst on Legacy Dr., Waterloo, off of Hamacher St. Join us!

#### KEEP COLLECTING THOSE

**PLASTIC LIDS:** Please drop them off in the large basket in the narthex. Benefits the JB VA Hospital.

#### YOUTH GROUP – PIZZA, PLANS & PINS:

Help us ROLL in to the new year! THIS SUNDAY, gather after church for pizza, help a bit with the Rummage Sale, help brainstorm our youth events and possible summer trips for next year, and then we'll head to Westpark Bowl in Columbia!

**RALLY DAY:** The new school year kicks off Sunday so it's time to begin our new Preschool, Sunday School & Midweek year, and begin our new Family Devotions season! Rally Day will be on **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**! During Sunday School, the children will advance to their new classes. And, during the 10:15 service, the Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School students will be singing a couple VBS songs. In addition, we will be presenting our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with Bibles, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade midweek students with a backpack, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade midweek students with catechisms, and installing all of our teachers (Preschool, Sunday School & Midweek). Following the service, all of the Sunday School families and teachers are invited to lunch & a Pool Party at Camp Wartburg from 12-2 PM.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY

**CLASSES:** Sunday School & Bible Study classes are held for all ages from 9-10 AM. All classes begin together for an opening in the sanctuary. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, our new Family Devotions season begins and Sunday School parents are especially invited to attend a special Family & Faith Bible Study on that day.

**MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICES:** Beginning on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Hayter will be leading Midweek Prayer Services for all from **6:30-7:00 PM** in the sanctuary. This brief service will be an extra time to come together for prayer & worship throughout the year.

#### MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

All students in grades 5-8 are invited and encouraged to attend Midweek Confirmation classes on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM during the school year (this includes attending the midweek prayer services). **Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Jen Janssen will lead the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class, and Pastor Hayter will lead the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

#### WURSTMARKT AND STEWARDSHIP

**SURVEY:** See the the special insert regarding a survey to share your thoughts about the future of our Wurstmart and other events.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

- 8 Denise Clamors  
Ben Janssen
- 10 TJ Joellenbeck  
Tim Williams
- 11 Lindsey Dethrow  
Warren Frank  
Donna Rusteberg
- 12 Leroy Horn  
Grace Thompson
- 13 Edward Arras  
Stephanie Garner
- 14 Vivian Reiss  
Barry Trout
- 15 Nicole Eschmann  
Diane Heizer  
Jen Janssen  
Robby Mesnarich
- 16 Helen Clamors

### Anniversaries:

- 12 Gerald & Kim Straub (48)
- 14 Tyson & Mindy Bradley (18)
- 15 Kevin & Cathy Whelan (28)

## Last Weeks Attendance

|               | 2026 | 2025 |
|---------------|------|------|
| Saturday 5:30 | 52   | 45   |
| Sunday 7:45   | 57   | 70   |
| Sunday 10:15  | 101  | 70   |
|               | 210  | 185  |

2026 avg. weekly attendance:  
207

### Sunday School/Bible Classes:

|                 |    |        |
|-----------------|----|--------|
| Preschool-4th   | 18 | \$1.00 |
| 5th-HS & Adults | 31 |        |
|                 | 49 |        |

## Next Week's Readings

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Gen. 4:1-15; Psalm 50:7-23;  
1 Cor. 15:1-10; Luke 18:9-14

## Sunday School Offering

Unity Lutheran Elementary  
School in East St. Louis

## 125th Anniversary Items

Be sure to stop by the narthex  
and grab a set of coasters,  
garden flag, or prayer cross!

## Volunteers Needed for Our New Pictorial Directory

It has been nearly five years since our last pictorial directory, so plans are underway for an updated edition that will be available in time for our final 125th Anniversary Celebration in November. This time, we'll be creating the directory ourselves rather than using an outside company, making it a true congregation-wide effort. Lisa Clamors is coordinating the project and is looking for volunteers to help with photography, directory design, appointment scheduling, and other tasks. If you'd like to share your time and talents to help make this project a success, please call the office (618.939.6480). We would greatly appreciate your help!

## In Our Prayers

*Please continue to pray for our  
congregation and preschool and those  
listed below...*

### We pray for our shut-in and homebound

**members:** Nina Binder, Helen Clamors, Marie Dietzel, Marvin & Carolyn Henry, Judy Hitzemann, Leroy & Wanda Horn, Beverly Jarvis, Pat Jones, Gloria Knoke, Charlie & Phyllis Lloyd, Sandy Moore (MS), Kathy Netzeband, Edith Orsech, Willa Mae Prange, Arnold Prigge, Jackie Prigge, Mary Ann Wolf, Georgina Wynn

### We pray for our members who are hospitalized, recovering from or dealing with ongoing health issues:

Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Cathy Whelan (Multiple Myeloma, in remission), Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Cindy O'Brien (immunodeficiency disorder & fibromyalgia), David Rehmer (recovering from hip surgery), Ron Heins (recovering at home), Diane Marshall (recovering from fall), Betty Schimpf (stomach & intestinal pain)

### We pray for friends and relatives of members who are dealing with various health issues:

Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (undergoing chemo, stage 4 cancer), Sarah Castelli, Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Gary Hayes (infection), Nate Gifford (cancer), Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Beth Kilpatrick (breast cancer), Kenny Altschuh (stroke), Fern Kinzinger (various health issues), Caleb Cottner (leukemia), Heather Sensel (kidney trouble), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Jim Horn (colon cancer), Linda Land (cancer), Rhonda Whelan (heart transplant surgery recovery), Milini Holmes, Homer Kerr (hospice), Dorothy Mueller (cancer testing), Tom Gruber (cancer), Carolyn Stellhorn, Douglas Tudor (cancer), Rose Anne Bense (fell, at Oak Hill for rehab), Hayes Maag (4 yr old, in ICU following near drowning), Mark Sullivan (recovering from heart attack), Dora Olsson (rehab)

### We pray for those in the service of our

**nation:** Alex Naumann, London Schefft (Air Force), Hunter Kelling (Navy), Sam & Isabelle Rick (Air Force), Justin Woodcock (Navy), Oliver Valerius (Marines)

### We pray for our missionaries and special

**missions:** Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

## Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

### On Sundays:

*Begins with an opening together in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM.*

**Preschool—4th grades:** *The Ten Commandments* led by April Kirkley, Millie Powers, Tracy & Doug Simms, Jenny Dori & Jenna Hoeffken in the church basement.

**5th grade—Adults:** *The Ten Commandments* led by Pastor Hayter in the multipurpose room.

### On Wednesdays:

The Book of John led by Bob Kassel at 10:00 AM at Cedarhurst (526 Legacy Dr.) in Waterloo. All are welcome.

## Life Thoughts for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

As in Jeremiah's day, it may seem to us that in this culture of death, "everyone turns to his own course" and that many around us "have rejected the Word of the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:6, 9). However, recognizing that every person is created, redeemed, and called by God, we do not see them as our enemies. Instead, we weep over them and pray, along with Jesus and St. Paul, that their eyes would be opened to "know the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42) that "they may be saved" (Romans 10:1).

## Stay Up to Date!

Visit [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org) for the latest on our services, our calendar, our Preschool, our Bible studies, our youth events, and more!

## Reminder

Please notify the church office or Pastor Hayter with any illnesses or upcoming surgeries so that we can add you or your loved one to the public prayer list. You can always contact him to schedule an appt (734.625.1023).

## Consider Supporting the School Stairwell Repair Fund

At our May 3 Congregational meeting we approved expenditures of up to \$75,000.00 for the mission critical stairwell and access improvement on the education building. Creating a safe access to the rear of the education building can no longer be achieved by patching the concrete. At our May 21st church council meeting a "School Stairwell Repair Fund/ Account" was established for interested members/ friends to designate gifts for this repair to offset the church expenses and help us to dip less into our savings. Please consider supporting this project in addition to your normal tithes and offerings. Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."

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